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Attorney's Docket No.: US 1257/01 (VA)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : November 28, 2001
Theresa H. SMITH, Ph.D. :
Serial No.: 09/931,009 :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph No. 0001, on page 1, with the following rewritten
paragraph: